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## INCOMPETENT, TARDY OR INDIFFERENT?

The city dailies are presumed to give quick trend to public thought on questions of public importance; so that when the patron of his favorite daily, whether he be Republican or Democrat, turns anxiously to the editorial page to see whether or not his views on some new question which has arisen, and has been given much space in the news columns of said paper, are or are not orthodox, he may find out "where," as a party man, "he is at." But as a general thing, now-a-days, at least, he finds himself woefully disappointed. In the great majority of cases the great journals of the cities, while giving acres of the stuff upon which opinions, favorable or condemnatory are to be formed, are as dumb as oysters as to what the proper verdict should be.

The late Howkin B. Beardalee, of aggressive Democratic memory, had an idea of his own on this point. On being asked by a neophyte journalist, how, with said youngster's limited knowledge of public affairs, he should be sure to know which side to take on subjects on which party lines were sure to be drawn, which might come up suddenly, and require prompt comment, his advice was: "Oppose everything the Whigs favor!" This was pretty safe counsel. The publisher of a hebdomadal had from a day to a week's time to find out on which side his party, or the other organization, as represented by its daily journals, stood, and could govern himself accordingly; but in this year of our Lord, it looks as though the country dailies, and semi-weeklies and tri-weeklies and even weeklies are depended upon by the big city papers, to give the proper cue for comment and criticism on one side or the other of important questions.

At all events it is a rare thing to find a comprehensive, analytical, instructive editorial in any city paper, based upon the most important political or governmental event which occupies the star position in its news columns on the same day. Frequently, even though a presidential message, or a congressional debate, or an important governmental report may fill page after page, there will not be a ripple in the editorial columns to show that the political seismograph has indicated the slightest disturbance.

Country people take country newspapers for country information, mainly. The local and personal departments which make their home journals welcome visitors at their firesides, are the butt of the city editor's jokes, and their items are never reproduced in the great metropolitan publications' columns, except in ridicule. It is a mistake, however, to regard every one living out of town, no matter how bucolic his tastes or rustic his appearance, as an ignorant "jay." Most of them have thoughts reaching out far beyond the environments of their country village; anxieties for the welfare of the State and Nation keen as those of their wealthy city neighbors, and many of them, in addition to the little home daily or weekly, patronize the pretentious publications of the great commercial and political centers.

They do this, because, like country editors, they want to be up-to-date, and they feel that those who assume to guide the intelligent thought of the nation should be worthy of the trust which they have accepted. Let us have timely, thoughtful, convincing editorials, in the big dailies, promptly, when occasion demands or warrants.

### Silent Passengers.

A few days ago the British steamship, Shimosa left New York harbor for China with 8,000 passengers, who were placed between decks and each one allowed a space of about two feet by seven feet. They were to receive no food or water; but merely transportation. Not a complaint or murmur will be heard from these passengers, for they are all dead, and some have been dead a long time. Every few years the Chinese gather up their dead for shipment to China, and final interment in the soil of the "Flowery Kingdom." When the time comes for shipment, from all points this side of the Rocky mountains trains bring large numbers of coffined Chinese, and these are placed in one of the large warehouses in South Brooklyn and then loaded upon a steamer.

The Chinese who die in the United States, and who are anxious to have their bones rest finally in China, pay a small weekly sum to a society which looks after them when they cannot look after themselves. On the Shimosa, side by side, are laundrymen and rich merchants, who were deadly enemies during their lives perhaps, but both of whom contributed their mite to the agents who are now sending their bodies for a last interment in China. Each coffin is labeled with the name and history of the

Chinaman whose body lies within. At the Chinese port the bodies will be sent to the locality where the man originally came from, and there buried, for the last time.

## MONEY ORDERS ON R. F. D. ROUTES

In Order to Avoid Losses Patrons Should Transact Business With Carriers Personally.

The United States Official Postal Guide for January has been received at the local postoffice. Among the announcements included in this issue is one intended to discourage the practice of depositing money in the rural mail boxes for the purchase of money orders. It has come to the notice of the department that this practice has become common in certain sections and that patrons also fail to fill out the customary application blank.

"Postmasters and rural carriers are directed to discourage this practice," says the guide, "but postmasters will require carriers to take up money found in boxes, and make an application for the patron according to directions and present it to a postmaster, who will issue the order according to directions.

"Postmasters in returning receipts to patrons should inclose a note advising that, in order to avoid possibility of loss, patrons should transact money order business with the carriers personally and should fill out and sign the required application. Postmasters should also enclose patrons one or two blank applications for money orders for future use."

An announcement is made that the Department is now preparing to issue limited quantities of postage stamps in rolls of 500 or 1,000 for use of stamp vending and stamp affixing machines. These stamps will be coiled on paper cores one-half inch in diameter. Applicants for postage stamps in this form are required to state whether the stamps are desired for use in a stamp-vending machine or stamp affixing machine, whether the stamps are desired in coils of 500 or 1,000 stamps each, whether the stamp should be arranged with the stamps endwise or sidewise and whether the blank margin between the stamps should be perforated or unperforated.

A new two-cent postage stamp bearing a portrait of Abraham Lincoln was issued on Feb. 12th, to commemorate the centenary of Lincoln's birth, an initial issue of 100,000,000 being put on sale on that day. The design comprises the portrait of Lincoln in an ellipse, the only decoration being a spray of laurel leaves on each side. Immediately under the portrait is the inscription, "1809, Feb. 12, 1909." The head of Lincoln used on the stamp is a photograph of the head on the Saint Gaudens statue of Lincoln on Lake-Drive, Chicago.

Steele. FEB. 27th.—William Spry returned to his home here Saturday, after spending three weeks in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Olive Haley returned to her home Saturday, after visiting a few days with friends at Binghamton.

Stephen Kagler has purchased of Levi Richardson, of Prompton, the old Hall turning factory, and with a gang of men he is tearing the factory down and hauling the lumber to his farm, where he will erect a barn, 30x40 feet.

The small-pox scare at Prompton being somewhat subdued, the schools have been re-opened.

The farmers in this section are busy at the present time getting their summer's wood, and attending their sugar works.

The Prompton creamery will open April 1st.

Rev. Mr. Bronson, of Carbondale, preached at the M. E. church, Waymart and Steele, Sunday, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Davis, who preached at Uniondale, his former charge.

Frank Magloski has found his ideal in a span of work horses. The price paid was \$450 to a Honesdale horse dealer last week for a pair of western animals.

The Lake Lodore company is rushing the ice business, loading 40 to 50 cars daily, including the Sabbath.

Farmers having a stock of apples should market them now, as there isn't an apple in the Honesdale market, and they will now fetch a good price.

There will be a box social and guessing contest at the M. E. chapel at Steele on Wednesday evening, March 10th. Come, everybody, and help along a good cause for the benefit of the pastor, Mr. Davis.

Mrs. William Cole, who has been confined to her home all winter by illness, is much improved.

The sap-flow will be light this spring, as there isn't enough frost in the ground to warrant a good run.

The Prompton borough fathers are consulting the Bobolink on the probability of electing him as supervisor again this season.

## LOST OR STOLEN!

All persons are hereby cautioned against receiving or negotiating for Interest Department Bank Book, No. 4467, issued by the Honesdale National Bank, February 10th, 1908, to Elbert C. Best, as said Bank Book has been lost or stolen. Payment has been stopped, and I have made application for the issue of a new book.

ELBERT C. BEST.  
Honesdale, March 1, 1909.

# The Drama and The Opera

The Question of Propriety as Connected With Plays of the Slums and Characters of the Underworld.

PLAYS of the slums seem to be much in vogue just now. It is one of the whims of the moment to assume an interest in sociological phases of the life of today. Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske in "Salvation Nell" is one instance of this. Mrs. Fiske and her play of slum life seemed to meet a popular demand, and now Eleanor Robson appears as a rival of Mrs. Fiske for honors in the



ELEANOR ROBSON. sociological drama. She recently appealed for public favor at the Lyceum theater, New York, in a dramatization of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's story, "The Dawn of a Tomorrow." One critic declares of her interpretation of the leading role in the play that "Miss Robson's Glad stood out as the most striking creation of the year." Glad is a woman of the London slums who is not wholly bad. Indeed, despite her surroundings she proves worthy of better things and with the delicate touches Miss Robson imparts to the role the character becomes one well worth portraying.

The question has more than once been raised as to the propriety of plays which depict so realistically the characters and ways of the underworld. The matter depends, of course, a great deal on the way in which the thing is done. For instance, a woman of real ability and of high dramatic ideals like Mrs. Fiske can portray a part like Becky Sharp or Mary of Magdala or Hedda Gabler, in which there may be lines that would be questionable on the lips of some women, in such a way as not to offend the most easily shocked sensibilities. Mrs. Fiske, who made her first appearance as a child actress on the stage of the Fourteenth Street, New York, almost thirty-nine years ago, has won such a standing that the public is more ready to see any part she plays in the right light than it would be in the case of an actress who did not enjoy so good a reputation. Speaking of her idea of such a character as Salvation Nell, Mrs. Fiske recently said:

"It was the poetry of the play that appealed to me most of all—what some of the reviewers and many others seem to have missed altogether. Of course the truth of Mr. Sheldon's play, its faithful realism, to use a stock term, impressed me more and more as I went along. I had barely finished reading the last act when my decision was made. The truth, the



MRS. FISKE AS MARY OF MAGDALA. poetry, the spirituality, of 'Salvation Nell' won me at once. I fail to see that the sordid things in it have greater power than its poetry, and I am glad that it has been called a 'divine comedy of the slums,' for that is what it seems to me."

It never occurred to Mrs. Fiske to be "shocked" by the brutal facts of the case. As she put it:

"I'm afraid I'm a person who can't be shocked. At any rate, Masterlinck's essay on 'Sincerity' and the Old Testament haven't shocked me, and so I don't see why I should be shocked by 'Salvation Nell.' I am never shocked by the simple truths of life, though I must confess we were all shocked the

Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske and Eleanor Robson as Rivals—Mrs. Rachel Frease Green's Debut in Opera in London.

other night when several fashionable middle aged women in a box, one of them of illustrious family, plainly showed they were more than half intoxicated. This has been the only 'shocking' incident connected with 'Salvation Nell.'"

There is a widespread popular interest in the success of Mrs. Rachel Frease Green, the American soprano who recently made her debut in Covent Garden, London, singing the role of Sieglinde in "Die Walkure." This is due in part to remembrance of the fact that she is from Canton, O., and that her ambition was encouraged by President McKinley. Her father, Judge Frease, one of the pioneers of the Ohio bar, was succeeded when he went on the bench by William McKinley, then a struggling young lawyer, as law partner of Judge George W. Belden. Mrs. Green's maternal grandfather. In the informal social gatherings that made up much of the home life of President McKinley and his wife Mrs. Green frequently was called on to sing and was encouraged by the president to develop her ambitions to the utmost. The last occasion was in the Canton home of W. S. Hawk of New York a few days before the Buffalo tragedy. President McKinley then prophesied flatteringly for her future. A short time later she sang at his funeral service and six years later at the funeral of Mrs. McKinley.

Mrs. Green for several years has been a church and concert soloist in Cleveland, New York and Pittsburg. She has studied in Germany and with Marchesi in Paris. She studied with

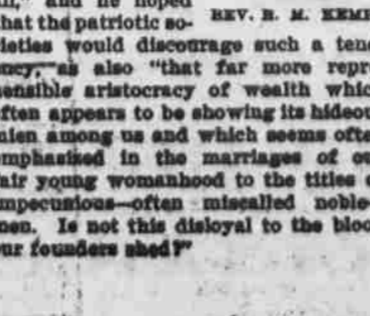


MRS. RACHEL FREASE GREEN. Jenn de Reszke in Paris, who had her first public appearance abroad was in "Paris-fal" at the Sorbonne, in Paris.

Mrs. Green's husband was a son of the late George Green, crown attorney in Brampton, Ont. He died several years ago. She is a sister of George B. Frease, editor and publisher of the Canton Repository, which was President McKinley's personal organ and for which he was an occasional editorial writer. Rev. Edwin F. Frease, superintendent of the Beroda (India) Methodist district, who was treasurer of a \$300,000 fund distributed to India famine sufferers, and Colonel Harry Frease of General Charles Dick's staff are also brothers of Mrs. Green.

### The Spirit of '76.

One of the clergymen of the Trinity parish, New York, which has been much in the eye on account of the discussion over the proposed abandonment of the old St. John's chapel, is the Rev. Robert Morris Kemp. He attracted attention some time ago for an address he delivered before a convention of Daughters of the Revolution. He deprecated the establishment of "an aristocracy of birth in this land, dedicated by our forefathers as one of equal rights and privileges to all," and he hoped that the patriotic societies would discourage such a tendency, as also "that far more reprehensible aristocracy of wealth which often appears to be showing its hideous mien among us and which seems often emphasized in the marriages of our fair young womanhood to the titles of impetuous—often mis-called noblemen. Is not this disloyal to the blood our founders shed?"



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Damascus, Pa., March 1, 1909.

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MARCH 1, 1909.

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